

## JSTOR AND BAS (Bibliography of Asian Studies)

The library has many electronic databases. For our purposes, the three most important are JSTOR, Project Muse and the Bibliography of Asian Studies (BAS) Online. Here is how to access and use them.

NOTE: You can do this from on-campus or off-campus BUT to do it OFF CAMPUS you must set up your computer correctly. More information follows on the handout about setting up a proxy.

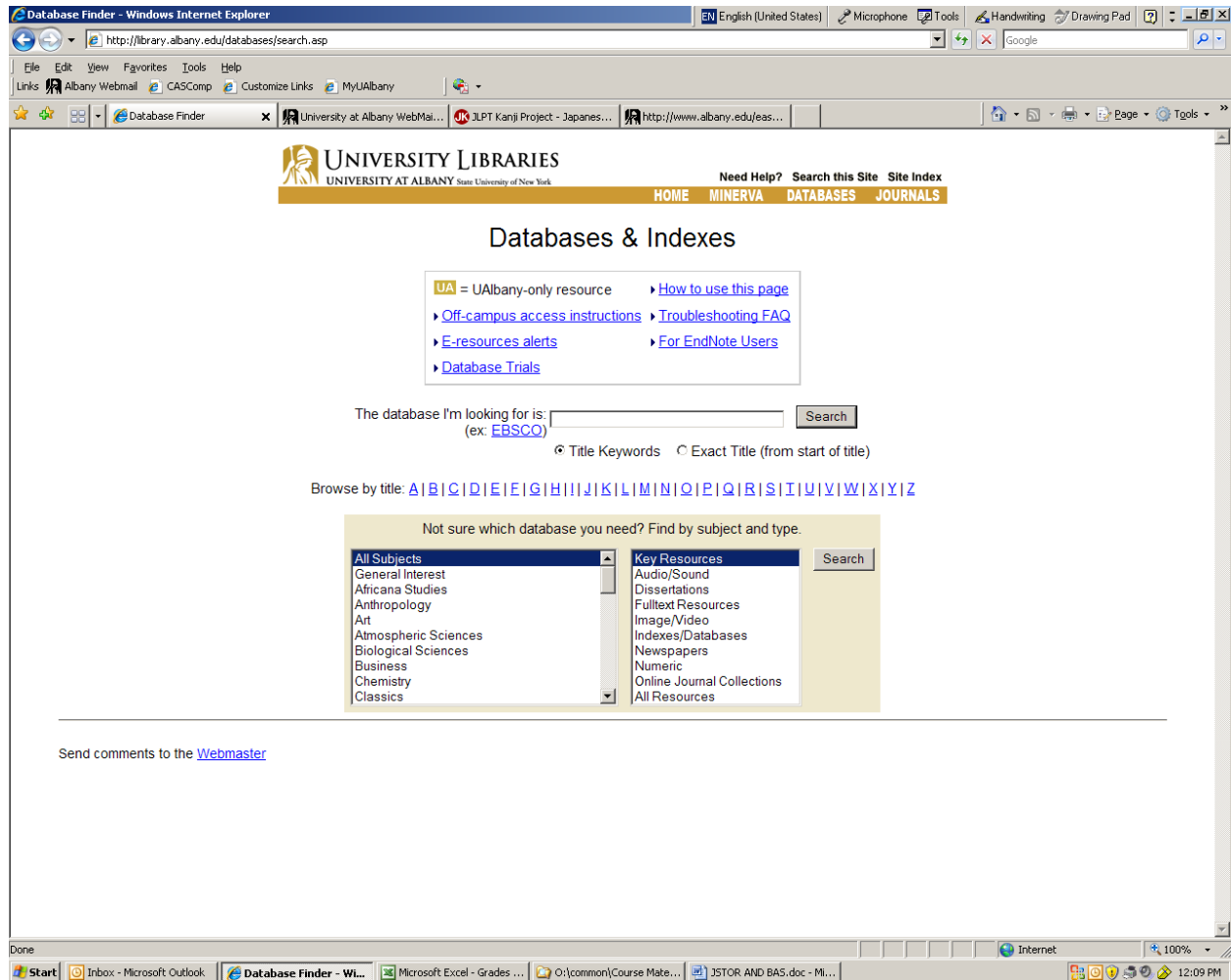
### JSTOR

On the Library main page, choose “Databases & Indexes”:



The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the University Libraries website. The address bar shows <http://library.albany.edu/>. The page features a navigation menu with categories like UALBANY HOME, DIRECTORIES, CALENDARS & SCHEDULES, VISITORS, and SITE INDEX. Below this, there are links for ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, RESEARCH, IT SERVICES, and ATHLETICS. The main content area includes a search bar, a "Find..." section with links to Books, Articles, Databases & Indexes, Minerva, University Libraries' Catalog, Journals, and Reference Collection. There is also a "Need Help?" section with links to Contact Us, Getting Started, and Instruction & Tutorials. The footer contains contact information for the University Libraries at Albany, SUNY, and a copyright notice for 2007.

Now you'll get a screen that looks like this:



To find JSTOR, either click on the “J” by “Browse by title” or type “JSTOR” in the “The database I’m looking for is” box. Click on “Search” and you’ll find JSTOR.

Your first screen (called the welcome screen) should look like this:



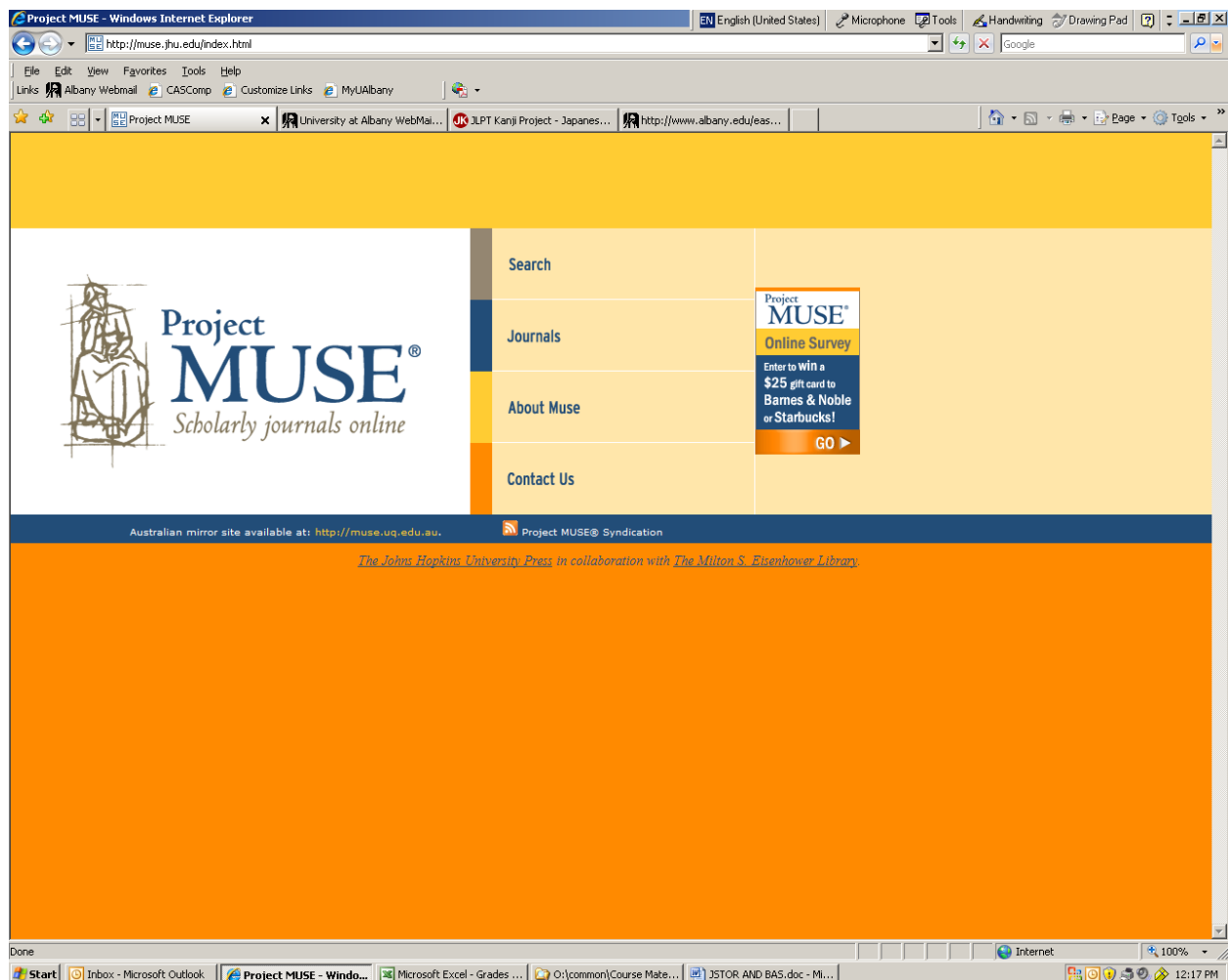
At this point, choose “Search.” The search engine is relatively self-explanatory, and there is also a tutorial available on the “Search” page.

Because this is a huge database, it is often a good idea to limit your search by type of journal (e.g. just “Asian Studies” journals) or with multiple search terms.

## Project Muse

Like JSTOR, Project Muse is a full-text electronic database of scholarly journal articles. There is some overlap between the two databases. The main difference between the two is that Project Muse does not have the 5-year “firewall” that JSTOR has, so you will find some recent materials on Project Muse that have yet to appear on Project muse. In any event, when you are doing research on any East Asian Subject, it is strongly advised to check BOTH Project Muse and JSTOR for materials so that you do not miss anything.

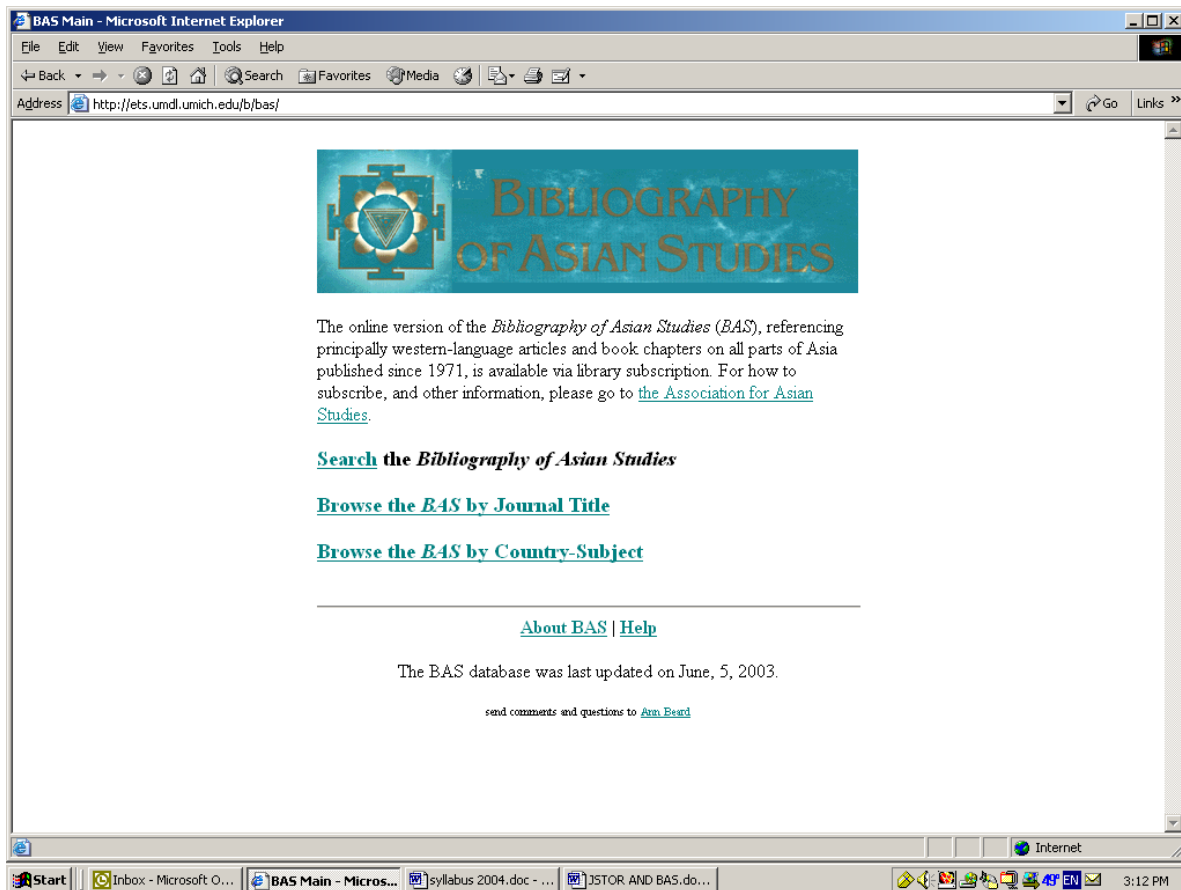
You can find Project Muse in the same way as JSTOR, on the “Databases and Indexes” page of the University web site. The main page looks like this:



## Bibliography of Asian Studies Online

Our library has a hard copy of this, but the electronic version is MUCH easier to search! The only disadvantage to BAS vs JSTOR is that the former is just a Bibliography, not a database of the actual materials. This means that you might find something listed that looks really interesting, but you won't find it in our library. Then, you'll have to use Inter-library loan (that information will be presented in our next class).

You can find BAS the same way you can access JSTOR and Project Muse. The opening page will look like this:



## Accessing these databases from off campus

If you access BAS and JSTOR from campus, you enter them directly without having to put in a password or other identifying information. But, they are limited access databases so from off campus some security is required.

Complete information on how to access these materials is available at <http://library.albany.edu/databases/proxy.html>.